

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a plurality of electronic parcel package compartment systems, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) determining whether a predefinable number of changes have been made to ~~the~~ data stored in a server;

(b) transmitting control commands to a parcel compartment system via an interface when a predefinable number of changes have been made to the data, and wherein the control commands change properties of a graphic user interface;

(c) transmitting data appertaining to ~~an anomaly~~ a misuse from one parcel compartment system to the server; ~~and~~

(d) converting the data appertaining to the misuse into control commands appertaining to the misuse in the server; and

(e) transmitting the ~~data received~~ control commands in step ~~(e)~~ (d) to all parcel compartment systems.

2-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the control commands in step (b) change a selection option of menu items of the graphic user interface.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the transmitting step (b) is carried out in accordance with an XML protocol.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of: sending to the interface a request to transmit the control commands in step (b).

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising repeating the sending step when an event occurs.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein sending step is repeated after a predefinable time interval.

11-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a plurality of electronic parcel package compartment systems, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) determining whether a predefinable number of changes have been made to ~~the~~ data stored in a server;

(b) transmitting control commands to a parcel compartment system via an interface in accordance with an XML protocol when a predefinable number of changes have been made to the data;

(c) transmitting data appertaining to ~~an anomaly~~ a misuse from one parcel compartment system to the server; ~~and~~

(d) converting the data appertaining to the misuse into control commands appertaining to the misuse in the server; and

(e) transmitting the ~~data received~~ control commands in step (e) (d) to all parcel compartment systems.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the control commands in step (b) change operating parameters of the electronic parcel compartment system.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the control commands in step (b) act upon an electronic control unit located in the electronic parcel compartment system to change available operating functions.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the available operating functions comprise a possibility to open parcel compartments.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the control commands in step (b) change a selection option of menu items of the graphic user interface.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of: sending to the interface a request to transmit the control commands in step (b).

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising repeating the sending step when an event occurs.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein sending step is repeated after a predefinable time interval.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of transmitting data to the server via the parcel compartment systems.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a plurality of electronic parcel package compartment systems, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) determining whether a predefinable number of changes have been made to ~~the~~ data stored in a server;
- (b) transmitting control commands to a parcel compartment system via an interface when a predefinable number of changes have been made to the data;
- (c) sending to the interface a request to transmit the control commands;
- (d) transmitting data appertaining to ~~an anomaly~~ a misuse from one parcel compartment system to the server; ~~and~~
- (e) converting the data appertaining to the misuse into control commands appertaining to the misuse in the server; and
- (f) transmitting the data received control commands in step ~~(d)~~ (e) to all parcel compartment systems.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the control commands in step (b) change operating parameters of the electronic parcel compartment system.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the control commands in step (b) act upon an electronic control unit located in the electronic parcel compartment system to change available operating functions.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the available operating functions comprise a possibility to open parcel compartments.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the control commands in step (b) change a selection option of menu items of the graphic user interface.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising repeating the sending step (c) when an event occurs.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein sending step (c) is repeated after a predefinable time interval.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of transmitting data to the server via the parcel compartment systems.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a plurality of electronic parcel package compartment systems, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) determining whether a predefinable number of changes have been made to ~~the~~ data stored in a server; and,
- (b) transmitting control commands to a parcel compartment system via an interface when a predefinable number of changes have been made to the data;
- (c) transmitting data to the server via the parcel compartment system, wherein the server converts the transmitted data into control commands for controlling the parcel compartment system;
- (d) transmitting data appertaining to ~~an anomaly~~ a misuse from one parcel compartment system to the server; ~~and~~
- (e) converting the data appertaining to the misuse into control commands appertaining to the misuse in the server; and
- (f) transmitting the data received control commands in step ~~(d)~~ (e) to all parcel compartment systems.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32, wherein the control commands in step (b) change operating parameters of the electronic parcel compartment system.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32, wherein the control commands in step (b) act upon an electronic control unit located in the electronic parcel compartment system to change available operating functions.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the available operating functions comprise a possibility to open parcel compartments.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32, wherein the control commands in step (b) change a selection option of menu items of the graphic user interface.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of sending to the interface a request to transmit the control commands in step (b), and repeating the sending step when an event occurs.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein sending step is repeated after a predefinable time interval.